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SUBJECT: POLISH AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE ON FILM "THE END"

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1. ACTING SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER ON AUGUST 21 TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR SPASOWSKI TO CONVEY DEPARTMENT'S REGRET AT ANTI-POLISH ASPECTS OF FILM "THE END." DURING THE CONVERSATION SPASOWSKI ASKED IF THE DEPARTMENT COULD DO SOMETHING TO HAVE DELETED THE FILM'S REFERENCE TO THE POLISH NATIONAL ANTHEM. EXPLAINING THE LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESTRICTIONS INVOLVED, THE ACTING SECRETARY REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE SUCH ACTION.

2. THAT EVENING AT THE POLISH EMBASSY RECEPTION FOR VICE MINISTER BIEN, SPASOWSKI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE ACTING SECRETARY'S CALL. THE AMBASSADOR PRESSED DAS LUERS,
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HOWEVER, TO HAVE THE FILM EDITED. LUERS SAID IT WOULD BE FAR MORE EFFECTIVE IF THE POLISH-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, MEMBERS OF WHICH ARE ALREADY UP IN ARMS ABOUT THE FILM, COULD BE MOBILIZED IN SOME FASHION TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA. HE INDICATED THAT SUCH CONGRESSMEN AS ZABLOCKI AND ROSTENKOWSKI MIGHT WELL BE HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD, AND THAT THE AMBASSADOR

MIGHT WANT TO CONTACT THEM. CHRISTOPHER

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